Comments for Planning Application P/15/0289/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: P/15/0289/FUL Address: Homestead Farm Binniehill Road Slamannan Falkirk FK1 3BE Proposal: Siting of Residential Caravan (Retrospective) Case Officer: John Milne

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Sheila Hall Address: Balcastle House Slamannan Falkirk

Comment Details

Commenter Type: MSP Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application Comment Reasons:

Comment: The reason given for the residential caravan is that it is required for the duration of the house build on the adjacent site (planning application F/2004/0310 refers). One of the conditions attached to this application is that the occupier be solely or mainly employed in agriculture. The applicant is not employed in agriculture, nor is there any agricultural activity on Homestead, nor is there any livestock.

The applicant states that he believed that a caravan was permitted, despite the fact that planning decision P/10/0636/FUL specifically said that a caravan was not granted planning permission. The applicant and his agent have been in touch with the Council for several months and have supposedly been made aware of all conditions attached to both these sites.

The applicant states that there are 10 parking spaces on the site, although the previous applicant stated that there were none. There are no drawings of the proposed parking spaces, or details of the vehicles. There are already several vehicles on the site, including a low loader.

The applicant states there are no trees on or adjacent to the site, despite the fact that trees are shown on the photograph of the caravan. Is there no requirement for the applicationn to be either truthful or accurate?

Planning decision P/10/0636/FUL dated 14.9.11 had a condition regarding the installation of screen planting on the site. The applicant is in breach of this condition and should be served with a Breach of Condition Notice.

The site is in an area of great landscape value and the caravan and surrounding earth works are an eyesore and detrimental to the environmental amenity of the area. Previously the Council has taken the view that it is not in the interest of road safety to generate additional traffic on the single track road with sub-standard and horizontal alignment. With a proposal for ten vehicle spaces in the yard, including HGVs, and at least another two on the house site, the traffic generated through Binniehill will be unacceptable.

Currently the planning condition attached to the shed is for private equine use. However, there are no horses on the premises and the shed is being used for commercial purposes which includes irregular night time working. This is another breach of a planning condition.

Given the history of this site and the various existing breaches of planning conditions, this applications should not even be considered until all outstanding conditions have been met.